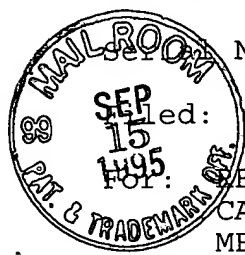




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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified application. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	35	-	20	15	x \$ 22	\$ 330.00
Indep.	4	-	3	1	x \$ 76	76.00
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+ \$240	0.00
Subtotal						\$ 406.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- 0.00
TOTAL						\$ 406.00

[X] A fee of \$ 406.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

[] A fee of \$ _____ to cover _____ is enclosed.

[] A check for \$ _____ to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

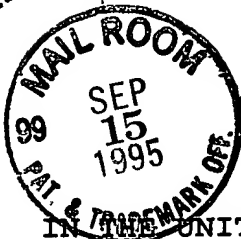
If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Dated: September 15, 1995

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 1, after "This is a" and before "of
application", please delete "continuation" and insert therefor
--division--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1, 10-13, 19, and 21 and add the
following new claims 42-61:

--42. A method of detecting HIV-2 retrovirus RNA in a
biological sample, said method comprising:

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